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In re Patent Application of:
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For: N-TYPE CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in furtherance to the Response to Amendment After Final Action filed March 15, 2007, for which an Appeal Brief or a Request for Continued Examination is due April 24, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action mailed January 24, 2007 will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.